

BRONX RIVER

NEW YORK

Project Name: Bronx River Water Trail

Project Type:

- Recreation (National Water Trail)
- Education
- Urban
- Youth



National Park Service

Project Description: The Bronx River Water Trail extends eight miles from Shoelace Park near 219th Street to Soundview Park at the estuary to Long Island Sound. The Bronx River, the only freshwater river in New York City, offers a variety of recreational and cultural opportunities, passing directly through the New York Botanical Gardens, the Bronx River Forest, cityscapes, and the Bronx Zoo, giving paddlers an excellent view of the Bison enclosure. The water trail offers abundant signage and ample access, with a total of nine

launch sites along eight miles of trail. The trail is managed by New York City Parks and The Bronx River Alliance. The project partners are seeking to obtain a National Water Trail designation.

Lead Federal Agency:

- National Park Service

Non-Federal Partners:

- New York City Parks
- Bronx River Alliance

Outcomes for 2012:

- Obtain National Water Trail designation
- Host 7,000 participants for recreational programs
- Train 25 community residents in Water Safety and get four certified instructors
- Improve four boat launch sites and provide maintenance on three other launch sites